

Appln. No. 10/730,466
Amendment dated December 13, 2007
Reply of Office Action of September 13, 2007

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 13, 2007 has been carefully considered by applicant. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-12 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present Amendment, claim 3 has been rewritten as new claim 13 and includes all of the limitations of former claim 1 and 3. Claim 13 is thus believed in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 is added and includes all of the limitations of former claims 1, 2 and 4. Claim 14 is thus believed in condition for allowance.

Claims 15-22 depend directly or indirectly from allowable claims 13 or 14 and are therefore also believed in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

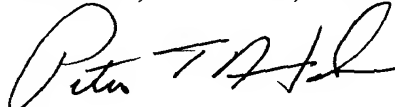
Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent Document No. 332853. By the present Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are cancelled, thus rendering the rejections thereof moot.

Conclusion

The present application is thus believed in condition for allowance with new claims 13-22. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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